Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Chris Johnson received her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license on November 1, 1960; and,

Whereas, Chris began her career as an LPN at Community Bailey Hospital in Chamberlain, South Dakota, on May 10, 1961; and,

Whereas, Chris has persevered through 50 years of constantly changing and evolving nursing, and has met the challenges of the computer age as it relates to nursing with determination to learn and succeed; and

Whereas, Chris is driven by her dedication to nursing, commitment to patient care, making time to connect with her patients on an emotional level, and she personifies the most important skills a nurse can have—compassion and empathy; and,

Whereas, Chris is naturally a quiet person; however, she will take action and voice her opinion when she identifies a practice or process that may be harmful to a patient; and,

Whereas, Chris has worked tirelessly, to further her commitment to nursing and to encourage excellence from those around her; she lives with a positive attitude, a passion of the soul, and in the spirit of giving; and,

Whereas, Chris is a dependable friend, co-worker, and family member. She is an inspiration and joy to work with, and Sanford Chamberlain is proud to recognize Chris on her 50th Anniversary on May 10, 2011; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many noteworthy accomplishments of Chris Johnson, who will continue to give care to others through her lifelong dedicated service:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2011, as

CHRIS JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with her family, friends, and co-workers to thank her for her compassion and caring for others.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State